

Autism is a common and serious developmental disability in the United States, with one in 150 children likely to have some form of this disability.

Representative Williams is also bringing attention to a serious factor affecting childhood obesity, nutrition in the home, especially among poor families.

As a family physician for over 30 years, I support Representative Williams' efforts and look forward to working with him to address these important issues. I congratulate him on raising awareness for these two important issues and join my constituents in thanking him for his service to the great State of Louisiana.

#### MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE

(Mrs. CAPPS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, the House passed groundbreaking legislation to make college more affordable.

Students in my district and across the Nation are struggling to keep up with devastating State budget cuts and ever rising tuition. This week I met with college students from UC Santa Barbara and Oxnard Community College on the Capitol steps, and I was proud to tell them that, during these tough economic times, I voted for the single largest investment ever in higher education.

Our bill will save taxpayers over \$60 billion from wasteful bank subsidies, and we're making education a priority, investing most of these savings directly into Pell Grants. The bill will mean nearly \$48 million for Pell Grants for these and other students over the next 10 years.

Now, more than ever, we need to invest in education to get our economy back on track, and with this bill we did just that. Today we can finish the job for our college students.

#### REPEAL AND REPLACE

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, repealing the government takeover of health care is the first step, with an immediate replacement for insurance reform. It is important that we offer our patient-centered plan, H.R. 3400, to cover preexisting conditions, to help small businesses with association health plans, and to allow consumers to shop across State lines to lower costs.

Let's continue to cover preexisting conditions but repeal the tax hikes and the unaffordable mandates on individuals and small business owners.

The American patient cannot afford higher premiums. CBO says that the

health care premiums will rise up to 13 percent.

The American family cannot afford more tax hikes and fewer jobs; \$569.2 billion in tax hikes on small businesses and other employers.

American children cannot afford the massive deficits; a \$622 billion addition to our already massive debt burden.

And the American health care system cannot afford fewer doctors. Fewer physicians will accept Medicaid patients.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

Welcome, students, to the Capitol of McCracken Middle School from Bluffton, South Carolina.

#### CELEBRATING THE PASSAGE OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, proud of what we've accomplished with President Obama, our House Speaker, Nancy PELOSI, and now the United States Senate to bring quality, affordable health care to the American people.

But our pride is tempered by humility, the humility of knowing that we have brought health care coverage to millions of women who now will no longer have to pay more than men just because they're women.

Our pride is tempered by the humility of knowing that children who have preexisting conditions will now be able to also have health care.

Our pride is tempered by the humility of knowing that for thousands and thousands of small business owners across this country, they'll now be able to provide health care coverage for themselves and their employees.

Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to have joined our forefathers and foremothers who brought us Social Security, civil rights, Medicare, and now health care to the American people.

#### NO MORE DELAYS ON AMERICAN ENERGY

(Mr. SMITH of Nebraska asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, today the House Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources is holding a hearing examining the Obama administration's policies of increasing taxes on and reducing funding for American energy production.

Finding solutions to our country's dependence on foreign energy is a top priority for me. Now is not the time to further delay advancement of American energy. Yet, the administration's budget proposes increasing fees and taxes directly on oil and gas operations here in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, these funds do nothing to expedite or improve the permitting process on Federal lands. Instead, these policies stifle our economy, create more red tape, and block expansion of our energy portfolio. Simply put, these policies are wrong for America.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM IN AMERICA

(Ms. MARKEY of Colorado asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today proud of the accomplishment of this House in finally passing health care reform. This legislation was the culmination of decades of work to bring some sanity to our health care system.

Now Americans with preexisting conditions will no longer be pushed aside by insurance companies. No insurance company will be able to tell a parent that their newborn's weight is a pre-existing condition.

In my district, in 2008, 1,400 families filed for bankruptcy from health care costs, putting their lives, their homes, and everything at risk because of health care costs. This bill will protect them from skyrocketing expenses.

In addition, nearly 20,000 businesses will receive credits to help them afford insurance.

I have long been a supporter of the 25 community health care centers in my district. These centers will now have the resources to provide primary care at an affordable cost. Our hospitals will also save tens of millions of dollars they now lose to unreimbursed care.

I am proud to have done my part by voting for this health care reform bill.

#### PENDING INVESTIGATION INTO THE PMA SCANDAL

(Mr. FLAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, a week ago I introduced a privileged resolution asking the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct to report back to the House as to the extent of their investigation into the PMA scandal. A motion to refer that resolution to the committee was adopted unanimously. Every Member in this body voted for it a week ago; yet here we are a week later and we haven't heard anything from the Standards Committee as to the extent of their investigation.

I'll be introducing this resolution again today, and I hope that we can finally get an answer as to the extent of the investigation into the PMA scandal.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF FATHER EDWARD L. RUDEMILLER

(Mr. DRIEHAUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)